

REMARKS

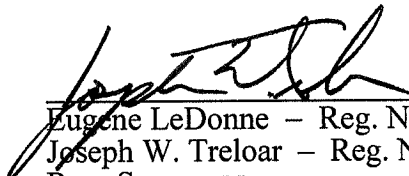
The Examiner has allowed claims 23-45. Claims 46-49 stand newly added. Claims 1-22 stand previously canceled. Claims 23-49 are currently pending. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

I. NEW CLAIMS 46-49

Applicants assert that new claims 46-49 are novel and non-obvious. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request Examiner allow claims 46-49.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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